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1. MEETINGS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY.
2. DISCUSSION WITH EKSPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

(A) WHEAT LOANED TO INDIA WILL BE RUSSIAN, CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN. NO U.S. WHEAT WILL BE LOANED.

(B) SIZE OF RUSSIAN GRAIN CROP LARGE (192 MILLION TONS) BUT QUALITY POOR DUE TO RAIN AT HARVEST. (BREZHNEV TOLD SECRETARY SCHULTZ SIZE OF RUSSIAN WHEAT CROP MASSIVE.)

(C) THEY UNDERSTAND AND WILL COOPERATE WITH URGINGS TO LIMIT 73-74 PURCHASES FROM U.S. TO FOUR MILLION TONS WHEAT AND SIX MILLION TONS CORN.

(D) THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF INTEREST IN ANY U.S. SOYBEANS IN 73-74. THE DECISION ON U. S. SOYBEANS WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER.

(E) THEY FEEL THE CANADIANS DELAYED TOO LONG IN SELLING
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WHEAT AND MAY HAVE MISSED SOME SALES.

(F) IN FUTURE THEY SEE REGULAR DEMAND FOR U.S. CORN.
DEMAND FOR WHEAT WILL DEPEND ON USSR CROP AND DECISION ON
SOYBEANS HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

3. WILL RETURN U.S. THURSDAY.
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